

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 76

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel Barry Melton for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue the State's time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP); and

WHEREAS, one such noble citizen is Colonel Barry Melton, who has provided invaluable service in search and rescue missions, disaster relief and communication, aerospace education, and homeland security missions since joining the CAP on July 28, 1986; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day, Barry Melton has steadily ascended through in the ranks, holding such notable positions as Vice Commander of N-001, Commander of TN-017, Vice Commander of TN-017, Finance Officer of TN-017, Testing Officer of TN-017, and Communications Officer of TN-017; and

WHEREAS, having earned the respect of his superiors and subordinates alike for his dedication to excellence, unparalleled valor, and selfless devotion to his country and community, Col. Melton was named TN Wing Commander on March 24, 2007, and now masterfully oversees 405 Cadets, 594 Senior Members, and thirty-three Civil Air Patrol Squadrons throughout our great State; and

WHEREAS, a valuable resident of the Cleveland community, Barry Melton earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master of Arts degree in Mass Communications from Regent University; and

WHEREAS, possessing an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Col. Melton has attended SLS, CLC, UCC, RSC, NSC, and WRCC and completed IS100, IS200, IS300, IS700, and IS800; he is also qualified as a Mission Information Officer, Mission Radio Operator, Communications Unit Leader, Mission Scanner, Mission Observer, and IC-3 and has a Master Rating in Communications and as a Public Affairs Officer, a Senior Rating in Administration and Personnel, and Technician Rating in Safety; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a vigilant CAP volunteer, Barry Melton also serves with acumen and alacrity as a college instructor working in the corporate media industry; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of his profession and community, Col. Melton renders sterling service to the Media Advisory Boards of Chattanooga State Technical Community and South Adventist University, the National Communication Curriculum Committee, and the Cleveland Media Association; he also faithfully serves as the Media Consultant and Audio Engineer at his local church; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Barry Melton has received a plethora of honors throughout his tenure in CAP and in civilian life, including Communicator of the Year, PAO of the Year, Yeager Award, Cleveland Media Association "Excellence in Media" Award, and Gill Rob Wilson Professional Development Award, and he has received numerous Meritorious Service Awards and Commander's Commendations; and

WHEREAS, Col. Melton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Colonel Barry Melton for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee; praise him for his bravery, patriotism, and dedication; and wish him much continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.